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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 has been amended as follows:

According to a first aspect of the invention, the control and security device allowing ejection of the strip of material from a strip dispensing machine comprising a drum and a safety shaft which shuts off the lower opening through which the strip of material passes as it leaves the housing and the drum, said drum and said shaft being linked by a means of transmission consisting of a belt, is [characterised] characterized in that said [transmission means] means of transmission is float mounted between the drum and the shaft, with the central part of the shaft that accommodates said belt and faces the groove on the drum being designed with a dolly axle configuration having a dimension that exceeds the width of the groove on the drum so as to allow limited amplitude, thus tracking the direction in which the strip of paper is pulled longitudinally out of the dispensing machine by the user.

The paragraph between lines 21-26 on page 7 has been amended as follows:

In addition and incidentally, the groove [(4a)] (4b) on the drum may have, in the location of the slit (4a) formed in the drum, a slight extra thickness [(4b)] to ensure control of the position of the transmission belt during extreme deflection of the float-mounted belt along the dolly axle shape (9a) of the safety shaft (9).

The paragraph between lines 28-35 on page 7 has been amended as follows:

The invention is applicable to all types of machines for dispensing strips of material which include connection by [means of] a belt-type transmission between the drum that accommodates a cutting device and a safety shaft located in the lower part of the housing which ensures guided ejection of the strip of material.